Marshall University Libraries

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Drinko Library
11,143
TOTAL HEADCOUNT (FALL 2021)

8,017
UNDERGRADUATE HEADCOUNT (FALL 2021)

3,126
GRADUATE HEADCOUNT (FALL 2021)

520
FULL-TIME INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY (FALL 2021)

(www.marshall.edu/irp)
Where we began....
§18B-10-14(3:d)

(d) Each governing board shall establish, or if already established, continue, an educational materials affordability committee consisting of faculty, students, administrators and bookstore representatives and the committee shall make recommendations to the governing board to:

(6) Encourage the use of emerging technologies, such as electronic textbooks, online textbooks, print-on-demand services, and other open resource materials; and

(http://www.wvlegislature.gov/wvcode/ChapterEntire.cfm?chap=18B&art=10&section=14)
Textbook Affordability Committee
Textbook Loan Program
What happened???
Average Textbook Costs 2022

Between $80 - $150 (Average mean of $115)

Average Cost of College Textbooks [2022]: Prices per Year
(educationdata.org)

https://educationdata.org/average-cost-of-college-textbooks#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20the%20average%20cost%20of%20college%20textbooks%20was%241,861%2C275%20in%202020.
West Virginia Legislature Defines Rules for Establishing
Textbook Affordability for Higher Ed

§18B-10-14(3:d:6)

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COVID-19 brings new opportunities!!!
Marshall University faculty and staff, if you would like to have your scholarship or research loaded to Marshall Digital Scholar, click here.
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY’S OER INITIATIVE

- Open Education Network
  - $250 faculty stipend for reading and reviewing an OEN Textbook
  - Enabled for eligibility to apply for WVHEPC course adoption initiative - $1,000 stipend
- OERs in Marshall Digital Scholar
  - Faculty training
Compared to the cost of a new textbook, students saved

- $88,520 in 2018/2019
- $180,606 in 2019/2020
- $161,722 in 2020/2021
- $95,658 in Fall 2021

Students have saved over $526,506 (keeping in mind that 2021 figures include only 1 semester while the others include both fall and spring – so if one were to assume an equal number for each semester we could estimate $191,316 for the 21/22 academic year).

Approximately 32 faculty members have taken advantage of the WV Open Learning Initiative at Marshall University.
In 2021, West Virginia’s Higher Education Policy Commission and Community and Technical College System launched Open Learning WV to provide grants to faculty members at public and private colleges and universities across the state to use OER. Since Spring 2021, nearly 90 faculty have converted more than 100 courses to OER through the initiative, resulting in a savings of nearly $450,000 for 3,000 students.
NEW!!! Center for Student Success

- Textbooks that can be loaned to students.

- Drinko Library also offers a Textbook Loan Program where students can check out textbooks for select courses.

- For qualifying students, while funds last, we can arrange for purchase of their materials to ensure that they do not slip behind in their coursework.
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